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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

CLAIMS

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A fastener, comprising:
 - 2 a shank having a threaded portion;
 - 3 a head portion having a top surface, a planar bottom surface, and a diameter; and
 - 4 a stepped portion between the head portion and the threaded portion, the stepped
 - 5 portion having a diameter that is larger than the diameter of a round hole in a first type of
 - 6 mounting rail and smaller than a length of a side of a square hole in a second type of
 - 7 mounting rail, wherein when the fastener is inserted into one of the round holes of the
 - 8 first type of mounting rail a bottom surface of the stepped portion is urged against a front
 - 9 surface of the first type of mounting rail, and when the fastener is inserted into one of the
 - 10 square holes of the second type of mounting rail the stepped portion enters closely into
 - 11 the square hole and the planar bottom surface of the head portion is urged against a front
 - 12 surface of the second type of mounting rail.
- 1 2. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the stepped portion is circular in shape.
- 1 3. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the first type of mounting rail is a standard
- 2 Electronics Industry Association Standard mounting rail.
- 1 4. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the second type of mounting rail is a Universal
- 2 Mounting Rail.

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1 5. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein dimensions and tolerances for each type of
2 mounting rail are defined by National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
3 standards.

1 6. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the stepped portion includes a tapered
2 shoulder for guiding the stepped portion into the square hole.

1 7. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein a size and shape of the stepped portion causes
2 the stepped portion to be centered within the square hole when the fastener is inserted
3 into one of the square holes of the second type of mounting rail.

1 8. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein head portion includes a slotted drive in
2 combination with crossed slots of a Phillips drive.

1 9. (Currently amended) A fastener, comprising:
2 a shank having a threaded portion;
3 a head portion having a diameter; and
4 a circular stepped portion between the head portion and the threaded portion, the
5 stepped portion having a planar bottom surface perpendicular to the shank and a smaller
6 diameter than the diameter of the head portion, the smaller diameter ranging between
7 approximately 0.355 inches to approximately 0.365 inches.

1 10. (original) The fastener of claim 9, wherein the stepped portion has a thickness ranging
2 between approximately 0.050 inches to approximately 0.060 inches.

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- 1 11. (new) The fastener of claim 9, whercin the circular stepped portion includes a tapered
- 2 shoulder for guiding the stepped portion into a square hole.
- 1 12. (new) The fastener of claim 9, whercin the size of the diameter of the circular stepped
- 2 portion causes the circular stepped portion to be centered within a square hole when the
- 3 fastener is inserted into a square hole of a mounting rail.
- 1 13. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein head portion includes a slotted drive in
- 2 combination with crossed slots of a Phillips drive.
- 1 14. (new) The fastener of claim 9, whercin, when the fastener is inserted into a hole of a
- 2 mounting rail, the diameter of the stepped portion causes the planar bottom surface of the
- 3 circular stepped portion to be urged against a surface of the mounting rail if the hole is a
- 4 round hole and to enter into the hole if the hole is a square-hole.
- 1 15. (new) The fastener of claim 14, wherein the hole is a round hole and the mounting rail is
- 2 a standard Electronics Industry Association Standard mounting rail.
- 1 16. (new) The fastener of claim 14, wherein the hole is a square hole and the mounting rail is
- 2 a Universal Mounting Rail.